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# Focus Newsletter

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## GREETINGS FROM

### SUNBURY CHRISTIAN CAMP!

We, (Daniel and Beth), arrived in South Africa in late May 2015, along with our two sons, Cooper (age 18) and Tucker (age 15). We live at Sunbury Christian Camp, a 20 acre, 130 bed Christian Camp located 10 miles from the Indian Ocean in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Province of South Africa. We are part of a team that maintains and operates Sunbury Camp. Sunbury Camp is home to one of the Zion Evangelical Bible Schools (ZEBS) that provides Bible training to the amaZioni. When not used for Bible training, Sunbury Camp is booked year round by churches and Christian organizations for training and retreats. Our primary ministry includes the maintenance, administration, reservations, and daily operations at Sunbury Camp. This year alone, we have completed major upgrades to the facilities including a new generator, a new water system, new underground electrical, and new water heaters. Operating Sunbury is a huge responsibility and we would value your prayers for having another family join us here at Sunbury.



When not homeschooling, our sons have found much enjoyment in having a large space to roam and living close to the Indian Ocean. Cooper also has had the opportunity to be a part of the youth worship band at the church we attend and connect with other youth. As Cooper is finishing school this year, we ask for prayer as he transitions back to the United States and makes decisions regarding his future. Living where we "work" and do homeschool is difficult so please pray we can find balance between the needs of Sunbury Camp and homeschooling our sons.

Communication is a huge part of ministry and learning a new language, isiZulu, has many challenges. Being able to communicate with our employees at camp as well as the bible students that come here is of vital importance. We have struggled to find a language helper on a regular basis to assist us in learning isiZulu. Please pray God would provide someone local that can assist us in this area.

We thank all of you for the many prayers and financial support. God has kept us safe as well as all of us being healthy with no major illnesses in our time here. We look forward to continuing to serve Christ here in South Africa over the next year.

Daniel, Beth, Cooper and Tucker



**We have  
heard your  
requests so  
back by  
popular  
demand...**

**The ZEMA**

**Prayer**

**Calendar**

**will be arriving  
in your mailbox**

**in**

**September!**



My wife Nozipho has been my right hand, and sometimes my left as well, in helping me to minister to the ZION churches in the KZN area. We have a beautiful daughter, Ayanda, who is in Grade 11 this year.

## GREETINGS FROM THE SWARTS IN KWAZULU-NATAL!

Our ministry has been quite busy this year running the university ministry in Kwazulu-Natal area on behalf of ZEMA and teaching ZEBS (Zion Evangelical Bible Schools) in about 5 locations while the Seghers are on furlough in the US.

We have heard people say that God is always interested in other people but never us. Other people have everything, but we have nothing. We remind them...in a crowd of many people Jesus noticed a woman who was ignored by everyone. He realized that she had touched him but she had to wait for many years before she got to meet Jesus. We share it is not the amount of time that we have to wait that matters, but instead the person who we are waiting for. God tests our faith so we can realize that the only One that can get us through our present circumstance is Him.

-Please pray that God will show us the areas of ministry that we must focus on, and for the strength and wisdom to say NO when necessary as the needs of the people here are overwhelming. (We are reminded that Jesus did not heal every person at the bath of Bethesda and we must remember that we cannot help everyone.) At this time, God has laid

the families of the pastors and their wives on our hearts since there is NO PROPER marriage ministry in most of the African churches that we are involved in.

-Please pray that our daughter Ayanda's preparation efforts for her final year of high school will be successful and for us to be supportive parents as she seeks God's will for her life.

-Please pray that the Lord provide more donors to support us financially as it is the only way we can continue to effectively do God's work on the field (our ministry involves a great deal of travel to reach the people we minister to).

Blessings to you all.

Marius, Nozipho and Ayanda

A NOTE FROM THE MISSIONS DIRECTOR:  
It has been an exciting summer here at ZEMA! We have had the Akers, Goossens, Kuehls, Seelhammers, and Seghers all in the US at the same time! As so many of our mission partners were here the board hosted a cookout and all day meeting with the families. It was so exciting to hear what God is doing through all of their ministries and really get a chance for the board to know the heart of their ministry. Everyone but the Seghers will have returned to the field by September, so pray that they journey safely. During summertime we focus our newsletter on missionary families. This issue will focus on our newest missionaries, the Hoffmans and Swarts. It is such a blessing to have them on our team! - Andrew



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